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1. Schulenberg & Bessler, Gera: This is now a state-owned enterprise. Artificial silk, silk, wool, and cellulose are processed. Approximately 760 workers are employed; 720 looms are in operation.
2. Gera-Greizer Kammgarnspinnerei, AG, Gera: This has been a state-owned enterprise since 20 November 1947. The plant produces worsted from cellulose. Nine hundred workers are employed.
3. Baumwollspinnerei Josef Witt, Alt Chemnitz: This plant has employed 600 workers, but a large-scale dismissal of personnel is expected because of the fact that, since the beginning of the year, supplies of cotton from the USSR have ceased to arrive. As of 10 February, no production plan for the first quarter of 1948 had been prepared.
4. The Apolda, Thuringia, woolen mills have been idle since 1 January 1948 because of the lack of Russian contracts and, in consequence, of raw materials.
5. The production of cloth in Cottbus during January 1948 amounted to 244,000 meters of worsted; this is 10,000 meters more than were produced during January 1947.
6. The following shoe and leather factories have been dismantled in the Russian Zone:

a. 100% dismantled

Vereinigte Erfurter Schuhfabrik, Eduard Lingsel, Erfurt
Vereinigte Erfurter Schuhfabrik, L. & M. Hess, Erfurt
Conrad Tack & Cie., Burg
E. Pretzsch, Weissenfels
Schuhfabrik Luwal, AG, Luckenwalde

b. 25% to 50% dismantled

A. Trommler, Freussenitz 50%
Lederfabrik Moritz Stecher, Freiberg/Saale 50%
Lederfabrik Gleive, Neustadt 45%
Lederfabrik Heinrich Thiele, Dresden 40%
Lederfabrik Heinrich Knoel, AG, Pirschberg/Saale 25%

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